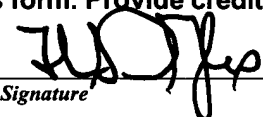
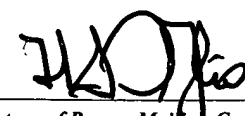


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<b>AMENDMENT TRANSMITTAL LETTER (Small Entity)</b>					<b>Docket No.</b> 17581	
Applicant(s): John Smit						
Application No. 09/743,731	Filing Date April 25, 2001	Examiner D. J. Steadman	Customer No. 23389	Group Art Unit 1652	Confirmation No. 7587	
Invention: CLEAVAGE OF CAULOBACTER PRODUCED RECOMBINANT FUSION PROTEINS						
<u>COMMISSIONER FOR PATENTS:</u>						
Transmitted herewith is an amendment in the above-identified application.						
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Applicant claims small entity status. See 37 CFR 1.27						
The fee has been calculated and is transmitted as shown below.						
<b>CLAIMS AS AMENDED</b>						
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<b>TOTAL ADDITIONAL FEE FOR THIS AMENDMENT</b>					<b>\$0.00</b>	
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No additional fee is required for amendment.						
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<input type="checkbox"/> Payment by credit card. Form PTO-2038 is attached.						
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**RESPONSE UNDER 37 C.F.R.  
§1.116 EXPEDITED PROCEDURE  
EXAMINING GROUP 1652**

**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

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**AMENDMENT UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 1.116**

Sir:

In response to the Office Action dated October 28, 2004, and in accordance with the provisions of 37 C.F.R. §1.116, Applicant respectfully requests entry of the following amendment in the above-identified case.

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